

**CONTAINER**Related Applications

[0001] This application claims the benefit of the U.S. provisional application 60/394008 filed July 2, 2002 entitled "CONTAINER" which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

Background of the InventionField of the Invention

[0002] The invention relates to a container and more particularly, but not exclusively, to a container for a haemostatic bandage.

Description of the Related Art

[0003] International patent application WO99/59647 of The American National Red Cross, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference, relates to a haemostatic sandwich bandage for the treatment of wounded tissue and which comprises a plurality of layers that contain resorbable materials and/or coagulation proteins. Typical embodiments of the bandage as disclosed in this International application comprise a first fibrinogen layer, a thrombin layer adjacent the first fibrinogen layer and a second fibrinogen layer adjacent the thrombin layer. There may also be a layer of backing material on the side of the bandage opposite the wound-facing side, the backing layer being of a resorbable material or a non-resorbable material. Most practical applications of the bandage will incorporate the layer of backing material.

[0004] As disclosed in the International application as aforesaid, the bandage is fabricated by depositing successive layers of fibrinogen and thrombin into a mould to build up the sandwich with each layer being frozen after deposit prior to depositing of the next layer. After the sandwich has been assembled in this way, it is then freeze dried.